## REGULAR MEETING UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD AS A CONFERENCE CALL September 15, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held as a conference call in Old Main room 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room) commencing at 9:00 a.m.

#### **MEMBERS PARTICIPATING**

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair via telephone Scott R. Watterson, Vice Chair via telephone Jody K. Burnett via telephone Linda Clark Gillmor via telephone Mark K. Holland via telephone via telephone J. Scott Nixon via telephone Frank Peczuh, Jr. via telephone Lane L. Thomas via telephone Ashley Waddoups

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Karen H. Huntsman Susan D. Johnson

#### UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Stan L. Albrecht President

Neil Abercrombie Director, Government Relations, via telephone

David T. Cowley Vice President for Business and Finance

Sydney M. Peterson Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Chair Jibson called the meeting to order thanking those for participating.

President Albrecht noted that he would be presenting USU's capital funding request for the 2017 legislative session at the Board of Regents meeting. The request is to complete the science building project which received \$38 million in funding last session. The Biology and Natural Resources remodel will be USU's only request this year.

## I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## A. Dinner on Thursday, September 15, 2016 with the Board of Regents

The dinner hosted by President Albrecht and Joyce Albrecht with the Board of Regents and Commissioner Buhler starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Perry Pavilion, Huntsman Hall.

## B. Breakfast on Friday, September 16, 2016 with the Board of Regents

The breakfast with President Albrecht, the Board of Regents and Commissioner Buhler

is at 8:00 a.m. in the Alumni House.

## C. Date of the Next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, on the USU Campus.

## D. Naming of Ag Building

The naming of the Agricultural Sciences building will take place on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. on the plaza north of the Agricultural Sciences Building.

### II. ACTION AGENDA

## A. <u>Disposal of land and industrial buildings located near Price</u>, <u>Utah</u> [Resolution 16-09-01] (Appendix A)

Vice President Cowley explained that the land is a former mining training center that was acquired by the College of Eastern Utah in 2006 and supported by grant money. There are two parties currently interested in the facility. The plan is to sell the land at the October 19, 2016, State of Utah School and Industrial Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) Land Auction. Because it is being sold at an auction the bids might be below current value. USU would like to use its best judgement if the bids are lower. Approval will also be sought from the Board of Regents. Trustee Gillmor mentioned the importance of making the land useful and available for local industry. Any environmental issues would be the buyer's concern. USU would be waived from any liability in accordance with state law. One potential buyer has leased the facility before.

<u>Action:</u> Trustee Gillmor moved the approval for the disposal of land and industrial buildings located near Price, Utah. Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

# B. <u>Long-term lease agreement in Murray, Utah for the relocation of the Utah State University Salt Lake Education Center</u> [Resolution 16-09-02] (Appendix B)

Vice President Cowley explained that Utah State University has been leasing space from the Granite School District. The District notified the University that it does not intend to renew the lease agreement due to their expansion needs. After looking for a different space and having evaluated different options, the best choice is to move into a new facility that is being developed in Murray. The new lease would be long-term for up to 20 plus years.

Neil Abercrombie, Director of Government Relations, related some details regarding the decision and location. Conversations were held between USU and Salt Lake County Economic Development; based on their recommendations we explored a variety of locations in Salt Lake County. Early on in the process there was a lot of conversation with Murray City. They proposed space to us in a new multi-use development. A new building gives us the

ability to tailor the space to suit our needs on the front end. The move is into a slightly smaller space but an ideal location for our Salt Lake Center students. Murray City is excited for us to be part of their community.

Vice President Cowley explained that the lease needs approval from the Board of Regents' because it exceeds 10 years and 10 million dollars.

<u>Action:</u> Trustee Holland moved the approval of Resolution 16-09-02, the approval to enter into a long-term lease agreement in Murray, Utah for the relocation of the USU Salt Lake Education Center. Trustee Gillmor seconded the motion. Trustee Burnett recused himself from the vote; all other trustees were unanimous in the affirmative.

President Albrecht noted the appointment of Vice Provost David Woolstenhulme as the Commissioner of The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT). It is a great honor for him and a great loss for Utah State.

<u>Action:</u> Trustee Nixon made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Trustee Watterson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

October 21, 2016

Date Approved

Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary (Minutes taken by Carolyn Brittain)

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